

**Charles Jupiter Hamilton** (contemporary American) *Mamadou*, carved and painted wood wall relief 2001

Charles Jupiter Hamilton creates captivating carved and painted wood wall reliefs that combine the vitality of contemporary art with a rich and resonant figurative imagery. His work is highly expressive and known for a satirical visual humor; his conflicting colors, elaborate patterns and painterly casualness, come together in a kind of "new world primitivism." Charly's popular visions of an art life are laced with his gonzo enthusiasm, child like mischief, and an eye full of wild weather.

No West Virginia collection can be called complete without work by "Charly"